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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant : Sean Mountcastle  
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Examiner : Brian S. Roberts  
Docket No. : CISC696  
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Title : PARTIONING A NETWORK ELEMENT INTO  
MULTIPLE VIRTUAL NETWORK ELEMENTS

Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT C**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 28, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.